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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT POSSIBLE SOVIET
MEMORIAL SERVICES IN EAST BERLIN

1. DURING CALL OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR BAYLE OCTOBER 14
HE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION MIGHT INVOLVE
A LARGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT THE SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL IN
TREPTOW IN EAST BERLIN ON NOVEMBER 7. IT IS LIKELY THAT
MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WILL BE INVITED TO
ATTEND, PERHAPS ON FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT FAILURE TO ATTEND
MIGHT HAVE SOME BEARING ON RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS SINCE
IT'S THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY. ON THE OTHER HAND,
ATTENDANCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF VOLKSARMEE TROOPS
WOULD BE VIOLATION OF DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN.
HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO TRY AND ASCERTAIN
FROM THE RUSSIANS IN ADVANCE WHETHER CELEBRATION OF
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60TH ANNIVERSARY AT TREPTOW WOULD INVOLVE VOLKSARMEE
TROOPS.

3. I TOLD BAYLE I WOULD SEEK GUIDANCE BUT IT SEEMED
TO ME ALLIED CHIEFS OF MISSION SHOULD NOT A-TEND
CEREMONY INVOLVING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF VOLKSARMEE
TROOPS AS OPPOSED TO MERE PRESENCE OF NVA GENERALS AS

INVITEES WHICH IS INEVITABLE.

4. COMMENT: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ALLIED CHIEFS OF MISSION SHOULD BOYCOTT ANY SOVIET COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIAL, IF SUCH SHOULD BE ARRANGED, INVOLVING PRESENCE OF GDR VOLKSARMEE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER HAVING USBER, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER ALLIED MISSIONS IN WEST BERLIN, ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN FROM SOVIETS IN ADVANCE WHAT, IF ANY, EVENTS SOVIETS ARE PLANNING IN EAST BERLIN WHICH WOULD INVOLVE PRESENCE OF GDR MILITARY. BOLEN

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